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1. Colonels HARTAK (fnu), ZVELEBIL (fnu), HRDLICKA (fnu), and NOVOTNY (fnu) have been named to the Czech general staff, while General VANEK (fnu) and Colonel BLAHA (fnu) have been relieved from it. Colonel BERNARD (fnu), former aide-de-camp to General Bedrich REICIN, has been arrested for the second time and is to be tried. Brigadier General ZEMAN (fnu) has been named chief of cadres of the Ministry of National Defense. General VLK (fnu) has been put in charge of the reorganization of the secret services (sic). Major Emil FRANEK, military attache at Moscow, has been given the task of drawing up a plan of operations for Czechoslovak military attaches for 1953 and 1954.
2. As of 1 January 1953 the following promotions were made: 7 colonels, 11 lieutenant colonels, 27 majors, 21 staff captains and 64 captains. DRAGOS (fnu), PATKA (fnu) and ELAVATY have been promoted to general. In accordance with a proposal of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, 118 new political education officers have been designated.
3. The principal garrisons along the [] border will receive 20 to 35 percent reinforcements during the year 1953. The following changes will be made in that area:
 - a. A regiment of mountain artillery will be added to the garrison at As. New border fortifications will be built in the neighborhood of that town. Two battalions of engineers will have charge of this work.
 - b. In the Tachov (N 50/P 54) area, a regiment of infantry will be in garrison at Biletin. A signal detachment for telegraphy will be added to the garrison. The medical detachment will be placed at Svaty Kriz.

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- c. Two regiments of mountain artillery will be placed in garrison at Horazdovice (N 50/Q 39), and these will be augmented by a train detachment (sic) and three motorized transportation detachments.
- 4. A new armored division will also be installed between Stribro (N 50/P 74) and Pilsen. Armored units will also be placed at Klatovy, but their strength has not yet been decided upon. A new strategic road is to be built between Ceske Budejovice and Pilsen and a second strategic road between Pilsen and Usti nad Labem is to be constructed during 1954. The two roads will receive anti-aircraft protection.

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